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Regarding: Congressional

### Message:

I have lived in Austin, Texas since the early 1980s, and at that time, Austin was split into 2 Congressional districts: one which represented central and east Austin, and the other representing west Austin. Austin is now divided into 5 Congressional districts after the 2010 census. I have lived at my current address since November 1998, which after 2000 was part of Congressional District 10 which stretched from Austin to Tomball (represented by Michael McCaul). After the 2010 census, my address became part of a tiny portion of Northwest Austin that was linked to Congressional District 17, which includes Bryan-College Station, Waco and Crawford, which was represented by Bill Flores of Bryan until he retired in 2020, and is now represented by Pete Sessions, who moved into this district after losing his 2018 election in his prior district in the Dallas area.

If the Redistricting Committee is going to gerrymander my address into a Republican district, then it should at least gerrymander it into the Congressional district currently held by John Carter, who represents Bell and Williamson Counties, since the tiny portion of Northwest Austin borders Williamson County, and my NW Austin neighborhood would be better represented by someone from Williamson County, which is becoming an urban county, than it is currently being represented in a district that is dominated by rural interests that are not compatible with the interests of residents of Northwest Austin. Additionally, gerrymandering a tiny portion of NW Austin into District 17 created the need for that district to have 3 offices: one in Waco, one in Bryan-College Station, and one in NW Austin, with the attendant increase in costs of having 3 Congressional offices for one district, that no doubt was paid for by us taxpayers. Linking NW Austin to the current Congressional district that covers Bell and Williamson Counties would not require the opening of an additional office, as has been required by linking NW Austin in District 17.

I do not feel like I or other residents in NW Austin are being adequately represented in current Congressional District 17, since much of that district is rural and has different needs and issues than residents in an urban setting such as NW Austin, and that whoever represents District 17 would have to pay more attention to those rural voters than to the few urban voters in NW Austin gerrymandered into District 17. If you are going to link my tiny portion of NW Austin to non-Travis County representatives, then it would make more sense to link it to the district representing Bell and Williamson Counties, which are urban areas, than leave it linked to the rural areas currently in Congressional District 17.

